Fertilizer	1992-93 (since 25-8-92)		1993-94 (up to 30-6-93)	
	Qty. (lakh tonnes)	Weighted average landed cost per tonne (Rs.)	Qty. (lakh tonnes)	Weighted average landed cost per tonne (Rs.)
Urea	11.91	4121.07	4.93	3818.25
DAP	1.78	4737.08	Nil	—
MOP	5.86	3744.20	1.89	3905.29

All imports of Urea and MOP during the period under reference have been on Government account. Imports of DAP and MOP were decanalised with effect from September 17, 1992 and June 17, 1993, respectively. The statistics of imports of DAP made on non-Govt. account are not centrally maintained.

Overcharging by some Pharmaceutical Units

2092. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that some pharmaceuticals units are over charging the users by 40 per cent more on 20 types of drugs; and

(b) if so, the remedial steps taken proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) This Department had received some complaints of overcharging of bulk drugs which were referred to concerned State Drug Controller/Food and Drug Control Administration for investigation and necessary action under the Essential Commodities Act., 1955. To the extent information is available, the State Drug Controller of Maharashtra has filed complaints in the Courts of Law against 9 units including traders and manufacturers. The State Drug Controller of Gujarat has also initiated action against 3 units.

Imposition of Import Duty on Life Saving Drugs

2093. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal under its consideration to impose 25 per cent import duty on some life saving drugs and the grant of cut in excise duties on drug-intermediates to help the domestic drug industry; and

(b) if so, in what manner it is likely to effect the prices and availability of the connected drugs and formulations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) Rationalisation of customs and excise duties on Bulk Drugs, intermediates and formulations is an on-going process. The purpose of giving customs duty/excise duty concessions is to encourage the manufacturer of bulk drugs from basic stages as also to ensure the availability of formulations in abundant quantity at reasonable prices.

Promotion of Tourism in West Bengal

2094. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what steps were taken for promotion of tourism in West Bengal during the last three years;

(b) what was the amount spent on various projects during this period; and

(c) what are the names of major projects undertaken during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) The Government of India has sanctioned 26 projects for infrastructural development and celebration of fairs and festivals in West Bengal. An amount of Rs. 603.48 lakhs has been sanctioned and an amount of Rs. 298.71 lakhs has been released for these projects during the last three years.

(c) Following are the major projects sanctioned by the Centre for West Bengal :—

	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
1. Tourist Lodge at Piyali	40.80
2. Tourist Lodge at Kaikhali	45.40
3. Transit Camp at Bagdogra	48.88
4. Tourist Lodge at Sagar Island	45.00
5. Launch for Piyali	49.84
6. Yatri Niwas at Cooch Bihar	40.32